



April 21st 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD

From Mr Liddle



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely break over the Easter Holidays, managed to have some time to relax and have some quality time with your family and friends. It has been lovely to welcome back all the pupils to school this week and see their enthusiasm for learning return.

Year 2 had a great afternoon on Tuesday with a re-enactment of the Great Fire of London where their Tudor style houses they built were burnt down. Speaking to the children, as they were

excitedly watching the fire spread, I was so impressed with their understanding of the many factors that enabled the fire to spread so rapidly and cause so much devastation. Thank you to all the Year 2 staff for organising such a memorable experience.

Tomorrow, Miss Flower will be taking some KS2 pupils to the Aylesbury Vale District Cross Country event at Ascott House. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing wish them all the very best as they represent our school.

As the holy month of Ramadan comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Muslim members of our school community Eid Mubarak and may this Eid bring joy, happiness, and blessings to you and your loved ones.

Have a lovely weekend whatever you have planned with your family and friends.

Take care and stay safe,

David Liddle

Headteacher

Star of the Week



Each week a child, who has exemplified our Christian Values (Love, Hope, Respect, Compassion, Forgiveness and Truth) from every class, is chosen to receive the Star of the Week Award.

Well done to the children who are Star of the Week this week: Ewan D, Shreya B, Chloe B, Peyton D, Amos M, Elsie T, Isabelle N, Alex A, Seb H, Noor F, Mikhail H, Keyaan P.

Learning Power Awards



We use Learning Powers to develop our 'Language for Learning' in school and this enables us to engage all pupils in a dialogue using a common language to support and develop our understanding of how we learn.

It is our intention that the children use the language for learning to explain ways in which they achieved or approached tasks and how they can move on to the next chapter in their learning.

These learning powers are; have a go, don't give up, concentrate, be curious, keep improving, ask questions and cooperate.

Congratulations to the children who have received a Learning Power Award this week: Joshua V, Theodore V, Jacob Y, Hadleigh S, Shivansh P, Thomas M, Teddy B, Jacob C, James F, Harry S, Sanjana M, Maria G.

Scooters and Bikes



Please can we remind all parents and carers that children should not be riding their bikes or scooters on the playgrounds at drop off and pick ups, to avoid any accidents. Thank you for your continued support.

Online Protection Checklist for the Home - Internet Watch Foundation

The Internet Watch Foundation has released a checklist, **attached to this newsletter**, to help mitigate the risks at home from the internet. This checklist covers all things related to child protection online at home including some great conversation starters to have with your children to help keep you informed with what they are doing online. It is well worth a look and please do remember that if you would like any advice or support with navigating the online world with your child please do get in contact.

Earth Day 2023



On Saturday 22nd April it is Earth Day! This international event is an opportunity for people across the world to come together, not only to celebrate the world, but to also raise awareness about the importance of protecting our planet. In previous years, people have taken part in protests, marches and big clean-ups to highlight the importance of being green and taking care of the planet.

What will you do to celebrate our wonderful world this Earth Day? What actions could you and your family take to live more sustainably? Let us know what you get up to.

Here is the Earth Day website if you would like more information: [Earth Day 2023 - Earth Day](https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/)¹

FixMyStreet

FixMyStreet is an independent website, built by the charity mySociety². They want to make it easier to report problems in our community, even if you don't know who those reports should go to. They made FixMyStreet. All you have to do is type in a postcode – or let the site locate you automatically – and describe your problem. Then they send your report to the people whose job it is to fix it.

¹<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/>

²<https://www.mysociety.org/>

FixMyStreet covers the whole of the UK. No matter where you are, the only thing you ever have to remember is the web address – FixMyStreet.com.

There is also an App you can download to your phone; you can report any problems from fading yellow zig zags to broken kerbs and roads. Just follow these simple steps:

- Log on or go to the APP
- Enter a nearby UK postcode, or street name and area
- Locate the problem on a map of the area
- Enter details of the problem
- Then they send it to the council on your behalf

GES Clinic

Please see attached information regarding a car seat clinic being run in June where parents can go along and get their car seats checked for free.

St George's Day Event



Step back in time at Aylesbury Town Council's St George's Day Royal Historical Fayre and Parade on Sunday 23 April at Discover Bucks Museum and Market Square. There is plenty to see and do...

Iconic kings and queens of the past are coming to Aylesbury! You'll have the chance to meet Queen Victoria, King Charles II, King Henry VIII, King Edward I, Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine and Queen Elizabeth I.

Watch the incredibly talented Unbound Theatre's Horrible Histories performances and storytelling.

Play traditional English garden games on the museum's lawn.

Get stuck into plenty of arts, crafts, games and activities for the whole family to enjoy in the Learning Zone – perfect whatever the weather! - including crown and bunting making for the King's Coronation.

Can you solve the treasure trail quiz?

Meet St George himself alongside his Lady in Waiting in Market Square before he leads our parade from 3pm.

You're in for a royally fantastic day out!

St George's Day Parade (from 3pm)

Give St George and his steed a wave in Aylesbury's Market Square as he leads a spectacular St George's Day parade. Also featuring is Amersham Marching Band, fire dancers, representatives from Aylesbury's Uniformed Youth and a dragon!

Full details are available at <https://bit.ly/3mD3wVb>.

Volunteer Helpers



If any parents are interested in volunteering with reading at St Mary's, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs Bennett via the school office for more information.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal



As you will be aware, a series of devastating earthquakes have hit southern Turkey and north-west Syria killing over 44,000 people and injuring many more. The first deadly earthquake struck while people were inside their homes, asleep in their beds, with no warning signs. More than 54,000 buildings, including hospitals and schools, have been destroyed or damaged. People have been left without shelter in freezing winter conditions. DEC charities (Disasters Emergency Committee) and their local partners are among the first responders providing urgent aid. The DEC brings together 15 leading UK charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas.

Following the search and rescue operation, immediate priorities are access to healthcare, shelter for those who have lost their homes, heating in safe spaces, blankets, warm clothes, and ensuring people have food and clean water.

If you feel that you could help the people affected by the crisis by making a donation, if you haven't already, this will help the DEC appeal. Your money will help the DEC charities and their local partners to scale up their response and reach more people.

DEHTTPS://DONATION.DEC.ORG.UK/TURKEY-SYRIA-EARTHQUAKE-APPEAL³

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.

PTA News



Name Labels

With the amount of lost property in school growing on a daily basis in mind (how can they lose so much!), the PTA have links with the following companies that provide us with commissions from each sale. These are also useful for Year 4 and Year 6 parents thinking about preparing for the residential trips.

- MyNameTags.com⁴ - We will earn 24% of the value of each order for the school! Our school ID is 24718.
- <https://www.stikins.co.uk>⁵ - School code 20765
- <https://stampstastic.co.uk>⁶ - School Code HP197WF

³<https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

⁴<https://mynametags.com/>

⁵<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising.co.uk is a quick and easy way to raise money for the school whilst doing your online shopping. All you need to do is register as a member of our school on easyfundraising.co.uk, then go through them to your normal shopping sites. This then earns the school money and does not cost you a penny more!

Dates for your diary:

16th June - Someone Special Shop (Fathers' Day)

24th June - Summer Fayre

7th July - Leavers Disco (Year 6 only)

Contact us:

stmarys.pta@hotmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share>

School Website



Please remember to check the school website⁷ for the school calendar and other useful information.

Safeguarding & E-safety



Safeguarding

⁶<https://stampastic.co.uk/>

⁷<https://www.st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk/>

If you have a concern about a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Bennett, or the Deputies, Mr Liddle, Miss Rolfe or Miss Ilyas via the School Office on 01296 482094 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays, visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

For more safeguarding information please visit our website.

E-safety

Unsure about what apps or games your child is accessing? Need some advice on how to support your child online? Visit the NSPCC Net-aware website by clicking here⁸ to get all the information you need or visit our school E-safety information by clicking here⁹.

⁸<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

⁹<https://www.st-marysylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/e-safety-2/>